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SUBJECT: OPEN MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO PRESIDENT NIXON
FOLLOWING IS USINT TRANSLATION OF OPEN MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH SADAT READ IN SPEECH TODAY,
OCTOBER 16, 1973:

"I THOUGHT OF SENDING A MESSAGE TO NIXON
DEFINING OUR STAND CLEARLY, BUT I HESITATED LEST IT
SHOULD BE MISCONSTRUED. THEREFORE I DECIDED TO SUB-
STITUTE FOR THIS AN OPEN MESSAGE TO HIM FROM HERE.
A MESSAGE WHICH IS DICTATED NOT BY FEAR, BUT BY
CONFIDENCE. A MESSAGE WHICH IS DICTATED NOT BY
WEAKNESS, BUT BY A REAL WILL TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND
TO PROMOTE THE DETENTE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY CLEARLY
TO HIM THAT OUR DEMAND IN WAR IS KNOWN, AND THERE IS
NO NEED TO RE-EXPLAIN IT. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW OUR
DEMAND IN PEACE, HERE IS OUR PLAN:

"1. WE ARE FIGHTING AND WE SHALL FIGHT TO
LIBERATE OUR LANDS WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL IN
1967, AND TO FIND THE MEANS TO RECOVER AND RESPECT
THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IN
THIS WE WILL COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE U.N., THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

"2. WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE ON THE
BASIS OF ISRAEL'S IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION,
TO THE PRE-JUNE 1967 BORDERS.

"3. ONCE WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETED FROM ALL

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THESE TERRITORIES, WE ARE READY TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AT THE U.N. I SHALL DO MY BEST TO CONVINCE MY COMRADES AMONG THE ARAB LEADERS WHO ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CONFLICT WITH THE ENEMY. I SHALL ALSO DO MY BEST TO CONVINCE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE SO THAT WE, TOGETHER WITH THE WORLD COMMUNITY, MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN LAYING DOWN RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PEACE IN THE REGION BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA.

"4. WE ARE READY AT THIS HOUR--OR TO BE PRECISE, THIS MOMENT--TO START CLEARING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND REDOPEN IT TO WORLD NAVIGATION, SO THAT IT MIGHT RESUME ITS ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO WORLD PROSPERITY. I HAVE ACTUALLY GIVEN THE ORDER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY TO START THIS OPERATION ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE LIBERATION OF THE EASTERN BANK. FIRST PREPARATIONS FOR THIS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

"5. IN ALL THIS, WE ARE NOT READY TO ACCEPT AMBIGUOUS PROMISES OR ELASTIC PHRASES SUBJECT TO ALL (KINDS OF) INTERPRETATIONS, THEREBY WASTING TIME AND RETURNING OUR CASE TO A STALEMATE. WE NO LONGER ACCEPT THIS, WHATEVER THE REASONS OF OTHERS OR THE SACRIFICES ON OUR SIDE. WHAT WE WANT NOW IS CLARITY--CLARITY IN ENDS AND CLARITY IN MEANS."

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